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SUBJECT: WCRP VESSEL ROLAND

REF: (A) KUALA LUMPUR 1789 (DTG 230119Z MAR 77) (NOTAL)
(B) SINGAPORE 1123 (DTG 180500Z MAR 77)(NOTAL)

1. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY EMBOFF VISITING TRENGGANU AND
LOCAL POLICE OFFICIALS THERE THAT THE DESCRIPTION OF THE
RECENT INCIDENT ABOARD THE ROLAND PASSED ON BY THE SHIP'S
OWNER RICHARD PASCOE AND REPORTED IN REFTEL B (REFUGEE
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TAKEOVER AND ABANDONMENT OF SHIP BY CREW) WAS GRETLY
EXAGGERATED. THERE WAS AN ARGUMENT BETWEEN SOME REFUGEES
AND CREW MEMBERS ON MARCH 17, BUT IT WAS QUICKLY RESOLVED
AND THE CREW REMAINS ABOARD THE SHIP. AS INDICATED
PARA 4 REFTEL A, WCRP OFFICIAL HOMER JACK LEFT THE
ROLAND MARCH 21 IN RESPONSIBLE HANDS.

2. THE ROLAND REFUGEES WERE NOT PUT ASHORE FOR
INTERVIEW WITH EMBOFF BUTCHER AND CONSOFF ANDERSON
AT CAMP PULAU BESAR AS WE HAD EXPECTED BECAUSE
THE VESSEL'S DRAFT WAS TOO DEEP TO APPROACH THE
CAMP. THE RONALD'S REFUGEES WILL BE PUT ASHORE
ON KAPAS ISLAND JUST OFF THE COAST TEN MILES
SOUTH OF KUALA TRENGGANU MARCH 24-27 AND BUTCHER
AND ANDERSON WILL TRAVEL OUT TO THE ISLAND FOR
THE INTERVIEWS. THE GOM AUTHORITIES REPORTEDLY
WILL PUT THE REFUGEES BACK ABOARD THE ROLAND
AFTER THE INTERVIEWS ARE COMPLETE. WE DO NOT
YET HAVE A CLEAR IDEA WHAT WILL HAPPEN AFTER
THAT, BUT IT DOES NOT SEEM LIKELY THE RONALD
REFUGEES WILL BE ALLOWED TO COME ASHORE INTO A
CAMP. IF, AS IS LIKELY, FOOD CAN BE TRANSPORTED
TO THE RONALD THROUGH PULAU KAPAS, PRESUMABLY
THE SHIP WILL REMAIN ANCHORED OFFSHORE PENDING
RESOLUTION OF THE FATE OF ITS 195 REFUGEES.
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